

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure**

**In re application of:** Shearer *et al.*

**Application No.** 09/936,537

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**Confirmation No.** 7176

**For:** INDUCTION OF ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC  
UNRESPONSIVENESS BY  
GLIOBLASTOMA CULTURE  
SUPERNATANTS (GCS)

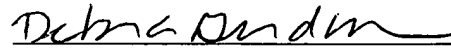
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**THIRD AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This Third Amendment and Response to Final Office Action ("Amendment") is filed in response to the Office action, dated November 4, 2003, and the February 19, 2004 telephone call from Examiner Belyavskiy to Applicants' representative, Debra A. Gordon. A three-month period for response was set in the November 4, 2003 Office action, making a response due on or before February 4, 2004. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension for response, and a one-month extension fee accompanies this Amendment; thus, this Amendment is timely filed on or before March 4, 2004. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with this Amendment to the deposit account referenced on the accompanying transmittal letter.

Please amend the claims as set forth beginning on page 2. Remarks begin on page 8 of this Amendment. The Conclusion of this Amendment is on page 11.